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MEMORANDUM FOR : Director, Foreign Broadcast Information Service
THROUGH : Chief, Operations Group
SUBJECT : Monthly Report--Gulf Bureau--November 1985

I. GENERAL

The question of bureau staffing and language capabilities reached the decision-making point during the month when, not unexpectedly, the bureau's only monitor with Kurdish capability announced his decision to resign at the end of his current tour in late January. Loss of the Arabic/Kurdish monitor was anticipated at the time of the annual review of non-staff T/O, and as proposed in the review, the bureau has decided to recruit for an Arabic-only monitor as a replacement. Since Kurdish sources have been unmonitorable for months, a production from these sources has always been extremely limited, there is no pressing need for capability in that language. Maintaining full Arabic staffing, on the other hand, is a top priority, and a good prospective candidate has been identified with the help of London Bureau. The question of Kurdish monitoring will be reconsidered before the bureau fills the seventh position in the Arabic section.

II. OPERATIONS

A. Editorial/Monitorial

1. November started off busy for Gulf Bureau, with coverage of the annual GCC summit, this year being held in Muscat, Oman beginning on 3 November and ending 6 November. The Gulf countries' television services linked up with Muscat Television Service in Arabic to relay live the arrivals of the GCC heads of state, the opening and closing sessions of the GCC summit, and the departures of the heads of state on 6 November. The radios of the GCC states also linked up with the Voice of Cooperation Council broadcasting from Muscat. FYI's and editorial reports were prepared on the TV coverage, VSL's filed, and numerous speeches and statements carried over radio and TV processed.

2. On 15 November, the Soviet Union made its second breakthrough this year in Gulf relations when it was announced that the USSR and the UAE were establishing diplomatic relations. Oman and the USSR had taken the step during September. As in the case with Oman, the USSR was again the first to announce via media that relations had been established. Two days later a UAE paper quoted "informed sources" as saying that the UAE intends to establish relations with East European countries and it is just a "matter of time." The USSR now has relations with three of the six GCC states (Kuwait, Oman, and the UAE).

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3. Following an alert by BBC Newsburo on 25 November of "rumors" of Ayatollah Khomeyni's death, a close watch was maintained on Iranian media for any mention of Iran's leader. Special emphasis was placed on Tehran television should film be carried of the Ayatollah. On 30 November, Tehran Television Service in Persian at 1630 GMT carried a videotaped recording of a 26-minute speech by Khomeyni earlier that day to an audience, which included President Khamene'i, on the anniversary of the prophet's birthday. An FYI was prepared to alert consumers of Khomeyni's appearance. He showed no signs of ill health. A VSL also was prepared.

4. At the request of Tel Aviv Bureau, Gulf assumed daily coverage of (Clandestine) National Voice of Iran in Persian from 30 November to 16 December during their Persian monitor's leave.

B. COMMUNICATIONS

1. Following a number of requests from RUEHSE/US SECRET SERVICE WASHINGTON DC for refiles of bureau copy (including refiles of items already refiled) claiming "non-receipt," Gulf Bureau initiated tracer action on several of the items per consultation with Chief of Communications. The tracer action remains in progress at report time.

ADMINISTRATION

A. Personnel

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1. Editor [redacted] was promoted to GS0-9 effective 10 November.

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2. Communications operator [redacted] received a PSI effective 24 November.

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3. The bureau's Arabic/Kurdish monitor, [redacted] gave notice during the month that he would not be renewing his contract once his current travel agreement expires on 25 January 1986. As a replacement, the bureau has asked London Bureau to conduct a followup interview with a good prospective Arabic monitor candidate referred to us by the BBC and tested by PMU in September.

B. Building and Grounds

The amendment of the bureau lease to incorporate the new generator/storage space was completed during the month with a projected acceptance date of 30 November. Acceptance and payment were, however, made contingent upon the landlord's completion of the new partitioning walls, and this work had not yet begun as of this writing. The landlord is being reminded of his commitment.

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VISITS

To the Bureau

STAT 1. [REDACTED] 18-22 November, to conduct physicals for bureau TCN employees.

STAT 2. Embassy RSO [REDACTED] 1 December, to conduct a safety/security survey.

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Chief, Gulf Bureau

ATT: Monthly Production Report

**GULF BUREAU PRODUCTION REPORT
FOR NOVEMBER 1985**

I. TOTALS FROM ALL SOURCES:

TOTAL PUBLISHABLE WORDAGE FILED DURING MONTH	:	300,010	
TOTAL NON-PUBLISHABLE WORDAGE FILED DURING MONTH	:	118,020	
TOTAL NUMBER OF PUBLISHABLE ITEMS FILED DURING MONTH	:	839	
	BROAD CASTS	PRESS AGENCIES	PUBLI- CATIONS
II. INPUT OF REGULAR COVERAGE:	15,794	13,740	191.5

(MINUTES OR ISSUES PER WEEK)

III. OUTPUT FROM ALL SOURCES:

(PUBLISHABLE WORDS PER MONTH)

AFGHANISTAN

KABUL INTERNATIONAL SERVICE IN ARABIC	-0-
KABUL IN ENGLISH TO SOUTH ASIA	690

BAHRAIN

MANAMA DOMESTIC SERVICE IN ARABIC	-0--
MANAMA DOMESTIC SERVICE IN ENGLISH	-0--
MANAMA TELEVISION SERVICE IN ARABIC	-0--
MANAMA WAKH IN ARABIC	34,120
MANAMA WAKH IN ENGLISH	17,520
MANAMA AKHBAR AL-KHALIJ IN ARABIC	-0--
MANAMA AL-ADWA' IN ARABIC	200
MANAMA AL-MAWAQIF IN ARABIC	-0--
MANAMA SADA AL-USBU'	-0--
IN ARABIC	-0--
MANAMA GULF DAILY NEWS IN ENGLISH	1,690
MANAMA GULF MIRROR IN ENGLISH	500

CLANDESTINE

(CLANDESTINE) VOICE OF ISLAMIC REVOLUTION OF AFGHANISTAN IN DARI	740
(CLANDESTINE) VOICE OF ISLAMIC REVOLUTION OF AFGHANISTAN IN PASHTO	210
(CLANDESTINE) VOICE OF AL-AHVAZ REVOLUTION IN ARABIC	-0-

(CLANDESTINE) VOICE OF IRAQI KURDISTAN IN BAHDINANI KURDISH	-0-
(CLANDESTINE) VOICE OF IRAQI KURDISTAN IN SURANI KURDISH	-0-
(CLANDESTINE) FREE VOICE OF IRAN IN PERSIAN	430
(CLANDESTINE) VOICE OF MOJAHEDIN-E KHALQ IN PERSIAN	-0-
(CLANDESTINE) RADIO IRAN IN PERSIAN	7,550
(CLANDESTINE) VOICE OF THE LIBERATION OF IRAN IN PERSIAN	4,300

IRAN

TEHRAN INTERNATIONAL SERVICE IN ARABIC	17,330
TEHRAN TELEVISION SERVICE IN ARABIC	790
TEHRAN INTERNATIONAL SERVICE IN RUSSIAN	-0-
TEHRAN INTERNATIONAL SERVICE IN TURKISH	2,940
MASHHAD INTERNATIONAL SERVICE IN DARI	870
MASHHAD INTERNATIONAL SERVICE IN PASHTO	330
TABRIZ INTERNATIONAL SERVICE IN AZERI	2,700
TEHRAN DOMESTIC SERVICE IN PERSIAN	16,530
TEHRAN DOMESTIC SERVICE IN SURANI KURDISH	260
TEHRAN DOMESTIC SERVICE IN BAHDINANI KURDISH	-0-
TEHRAN TELEVISION SERVICE IN PERSIAN	-0-
TEHRAN TELEVISION SERVICE IN ENGLISH	-0-
AHVAZ DOMESTIC SERVICE IN PERSIAN	2,890
BANDAR 'ABBAS DOMESTIC SERVICE IN PERSIAN	190
BUSHEHR DOMESTIC SERVICE IN PERSIAN	1,040
ESFAHAN DOMESTIC SERVICE IN PERSIAN	-0-
MASHHAD DOMESTIC SERVICE IN PERSIAN	-0-
SHIRAZ DOMESTIC SERVICE IN PERSIAN	1,270
TABRIZ DOMESTIC SERVICE IN ARMENIAN	-0-
TABRIZ DOMESTIC SERVICE IN AZERI	-0-
TABRIZ DOMESTIC SERVICE IN PERSIAN	-0-
ZAHEDAN DOMESTIC SERVICE IN PERSIAN	-0-
TEHRAN IRNA IN ARABIC	120
TEHRAN AL-SHAHID IN ARABIC	740
TEHRAN KEYHAN AL-'ARABI IN ARABIC	-0-
TEHRAN KAYHAN INTERNATIONAL IN ENGLISH	-0-
TEHRAN TEHRAN TIMES IN ENGLISH	-0-

TEHRAN ETTELA'AT IN PERSIAN	-0-
TEHRAN JOMHURI-YE ESLAMI IN PERSIAN	-0-
TEHRAN KEYHAN IN PERSIAN	1,510
TEHRAN KEYHAN HAVA'I IN PERSIAN	-0-

IRAQ

BAGHDAD TELEVISION SERVICE IN PERSIAN	600
BAGHDAD DOMESTIC SERVICE IN ARABIC	760
BAGHDAD DOMESTIC SERVICE IN SURANI KURDISH	-0-

KUWAIT

KUWAIT AL-ANBA' IN ARABIC	1,040
KUWAIT AL-HADAF IN ARABIC	-0-
KUWAIT AL-QABAS IN ARABIC	3,590
KUWAIT AL-RA'Y AL-'AMM IN ARABIC	4,110
KUWAIT AL-SIYASAH IN ARABIC	2,410
KUWAIT AL-WATAN IN ARABIC	3,170
KUWAIT ARAB TIMES IN ENGLISH	1,800

OMAN

MUSCAT DOMESTIC SERVICE IN ARABIC	5,660
MUSCAT TELEVISION SERVICE IN ARABIC	5,460
SALALAH DOMESTIC SERVICE IN ARABIC	1,240
MUSCAT VOICE OF COOPERATION COUNCIL IN ARABIC	840
MUSCAT 'UMAN IN ARABIC	2,620
MUSCAT 'UMMAN AL-USBU'I IN ARABIC	-0-
MUSCAT QNA IN ARABIC	3,380

PAKISTAN

ISLAMABAD THE MUSLIM IN ENGLISH	2,670
KARACHI DAWN IN ENGLISH	6,730
KARACHI JASARAT IN URDU	-0-
KARACHI MASHRIQ IN URDU	4,130

KARACHI NAWA-E WAQT IN URDU	3,450
LAHORE JANG IN URDU	820
RAWALPINDI HAIDAR IN URDU	2,540
RAWALPINDI PAKISTAN TIMES IN ENGLISH	2,100

QATAR

DOHA DOMESTIC SERVICE IN ARABIC	1,970
DOHA TELEVISION SERVICE IN ARABIC	-0-
DOHA QNA IN ARABIC	7,780

SAUDI ARABIA

JEDDAH DOMESTIC SERVICE IN ARABIC	4,060
RIYADH DOMESTIC SERVICE IN ARABIC	14,190
RIYADH TELEVISION SERVICE IN ARABIC	260
RIYADH TELEVISION SERVICE IN ENGLISH	-0-
RIYADH SPA IN ARABIC	8,490
AL-DAMMAM AL-YAWM IN ARABIC	810
JEDDAH AL-MADINAH IN ARABIC	-0-

SUDAN

OMDURMAN DOMESTIC SERVICE IN ARABIC	-0-
KHARTOUM SUNA IN ARABIC	2,080

UNION OF SOVIET SOCIALIST REPUBLICS

MOSCOW IN PERSIAN TO IRAN	130
BAKU INTERNATIONAL SERVICE IN PERSIAN	-0-
BAKU INTERNATIONAL SERVICE IN AZERI	2,660
DUSHANBE INTERNATIONAL SERVICE IN PERSIAN	-0-
TASHKENT INTERNATIONAL SERVICE IN PERSIAN	-0-
TASHKENT INTERNATIONAL SERVICE IN UIGHUR	-0-
TASHKENT INTERNATIONAL SERVICE IN UZBEK	2,580
YEREVAN INTERNATIONAL SERVICE IN ARMENIAN	-0-
ALMA-ATA DOMESTIC SERVICE IN RUSSIAN	-0-

ASHKhabad DOMESTIC SERVICE IN RUSSIAN	120
ASHKhabad DOMESTIC SERVICE IN TURKMEN	1,490
BAKU DOMESTIC SERVICE IN AZERI	4,030
BAKU DOMESTIC SERVICE IN RUSSIAN	-0-
DUSHANBE DOMESTIC SERVICE IN RUSSIAN	-0-
TASHKENT DOMESTIC SERVICE IN RUSSIAN	-0-
TASHKENT DOMESTIC SERVICE IN UZBEK	4,370
YEREVAN DOMESTIC SERVICE IN ARMENIAN	-0-

UNITED ARAB EMIRATES

ABU DHABI DOMESTIC SERVICE IN ARABIC	4,560
DUBAYY DOMESTIC SERVICE IN ARABIC	130
ABU DHABI WAM IN ARABIC	5,400
ABU DHABI AL-ITTIHAD IN ARABIC	3,840
ABU DHABI AL-ITTIHAD AL-USBU'I IN ARABIC	-0-
AL-SHARIQAH AL-KHALIJ IN ARABIC	1,720
DUBAYY AL-BAYAN IN ARABIC	3,130
DUBAYY KHALEej TIMES IN ENGLISH	5,500

UNITED KINGDOM

LONDON AL-MAJALIS IN ARABIC	1,880
LONDON ASGHAR AQA IN PERSIAN	-0-
LONDON KEYHAN IN PERSIAN	6,220

PEOPLE'S DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF YEMEN (PDRY)

ADEN DOMESTIC SERVICE IN ARABIC	16.780
ADEN VOICE OF PALESTINE IN ARABIC	4,260
ADEN ANA IN ARABIC	-0-
ADEN ANA IN ENGLISH	-0-

YEMEN ARAB REPUBLIC (YAR)

SANA DOMESTIC SERVICE IN ARABIC	12,630
SANA VOICE OF PALESTINE IN ARABIC	2,290
SANA AL-THAWRAH IN ARABIC	-0-